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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.121

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed contemporaneously with the national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International patent Application No. PCT/EP00/04421. Entry of the amendment presented below is requested.

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Page 1, line 12, delete "ART".

Page 1, line 16, change "reaches" to --of the catheter has been advanced into--.

Page 1, lines 19, and 20 delete "surrounding the lumen...of the catheter" and substitute therefor --at the distal end of the catheter--.

Page 1, line 25, after "catheter" insert -- such as shown in U.S. Patent 3,602,226,--.

Page 1, line 25, after "device" insert --includes--.

Page 1, lines 25 and 26 delete "so-called" and "comes complete with".

Page 2, lines 8-11, delete the last two sentences from "See US-A-3602226... an external clip." and substitute therefore: --It would be desirable to provide an improved device for preventing fluid flow from the reservoir to the balloon until it is desired to do

so. U.S. patents 3,275,001 and 3,675,658 disclose the use of internal plugs instead of clips.--

Page 2, line 22, replace "problems remain. For a discussion, see US-A 3602226" with --problems remain, some of which are discussed in U.S. patent 3,602,226--.

Page 3, insert the following between "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" (line 10) and the succeeding paragraph:

--The invention may be incorporated in embodiments that may include one or more of the following objects, features and characteristics.--

Page 4, line 7, change "fluid acceptor" to --balloon--.

Page 4, line 8, delete "fully" and change "acceptor" to --balloon--.

Page 4, delete lines 9 and 10.

Page 4, line 11, change "Once" to --Advantageously, once--.

Page 4, line 14, change "The" to --Additionally the--.

Page 4, line 19, change "Provision" to --Moreover, provision--.

Page 5, line 2, change "say" to --of the order of--.

Page 5, line 3, change "with" to --in another aspect of --.

Page 6, cancel lines 1-15 and substitute therefor:

-- In another aspect of the invention, the use of the plug facilitates avoidance of potential difficulties in coating the interior of the reservoir, as may be desired to waterproof the reservoir to minimize liquid loss during storage. By placement of a plug in the distal neck of the bulb, before the coating process the coating material will be precluded from blocking the lumen. A coating of proofing material on the external surface of the plug ought not to have any adverse effect on the operation of the plug device.--

Page 7, line 16, change "second" to --further--

Page 17, lines 8 and 9, delete "not presently preferred,...more attractive" to --may be desirable--.

Page 18, line 1 delete "Moving on to drawing".

Page 18, line 1 change "here are shown" to --illustrate--.

Page 20, line 16 delete "Turning now to" and "this".